

House Resolution No. 1048

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of women who have distinguished themselves through excellence in collegiate athletics; and

Whereas, the Women's Swim Team from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, took First Place at the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II Swimming Championships held March 12-15, 2003, in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and

Whereas, the Truman Women's Swim Team won its third straight NCAA Championship by 272 points, the most ever in NCAA Division II history; and

Whereas, during the exciting competition, the Women's 200 medley relay set a Division II national and school record with a time of 1:43.73, the Women's 200 free relay set a school record with a time of 1:33.82, the Women's 400 medley relay set an NCAA Division II and school record with a time of 3:47.73, and the Women's 400 free relay set an NCAA Division II record; and

Whereas, the Women's Swim Team could not have attained such phenomenal success this season without the unparalleled guidance and leadership provided by Head Coach Colleen Murphy, who was named the NCAA Division II Women's Coach of the Year, and Assistant Coach Joseph Fanthorp, both of whom have continually instilled within each of their talented athletes the desire to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, special words of commendation go out to individual competitors Diana Betsworth, who set a school record in the 100 free (50.81); Kelli Dudley, who set a school record in the 200 backstroke (2:00.49) and a Division II and school record in the 400 IM in the preliminaries (4:20.67); and Michaela Osborn, who set a school record in the 200 breaststroke (2:22.14); and

Whereas, few college students possess the athleticism and skill of Women's Swim Team members Diana Betsworth, Christina Blose, Alison Blythe, Sarah Dance, Kelli Dudley, Ellen Frick, Katie Funk, Aime Gregor, Sara Hatcher, Liz Hug, Whitney Jensen, Kate Kresl, Katie May, Michaela Osborn, Krista Prey, Merideth Rocha, Sue Ellen Thoma, and Sarah Wells:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to the members of the Truman State University Women's Swimming Team at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing them only the very best of success in all their future competitions; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Robert J. Behnen

District No. 2

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1048, adopted March 27, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker